

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Trisha Vu	Art Unit 2112

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11-30-04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. The drawings filed on 03 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-8 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 and 8 include the limitation of a counter is used such that access rights are provided sequentially to the more than two secondary-side buses lodging access demands and at a same rate of the lodged access demands, wherein one of the buses is a serial bus in accordance with IEEE1394, which is not shown by the prior art of record, in the combination as disclosed and claimed.

Claim 7 includes the limitation of giving a highest priority to the primary-side bus when the primary side bus lodges an access demand to the secondary-side buses irrespective of a condition of an arbitration between the secondary-side buses, wherein at least one of the secondary-side buses being a serial bus in accordance with IEEE1394, which is not shown by the prior art of record, in the combination as disclosed and claimed.

The examiner interpreted the claims in light of the specification and in view of Applicant's persuasive arguments that "a counter is used such that access rights are provided sequentially to the more than two secondary-side buses lodging access demands and at a same rate of the lodged access demands" (pages 5-7 of the Remarks filed 11-30-04), and "Abramson does not disclose a serial bus in accordance with IEEE 1394" (Abramson teaches USB buses) (page 6 of the Remarks filed 07-03-03) and "the distinct difference in access requirements between a USB and IEEE 1394" (page 10 of the Remarks filed 11-30-04).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, as the art discloses arbitration between PCI buses:

US Patent 5,859,988 Ajanovic et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trisha Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3643. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and alternate Fri 8:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 571-272-3632. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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